

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

**METHOD TO PRODUCE A CERAMIC PRODUCT HAVING CONTROLLED
MODULES OF ELASTICITY AND INTERNAL FRICTION CHARACTERISTICS**

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, after the title:

This is a national stage application of PCT/JP00/05282, filed on August 4, 2000,
having a priority date of August 4, 1999.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 23, and ending on page 11,
line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Accordingly, in case where the mouthpiece body is expected to produce a sound comparable to that to be produced by conventional ones made of a ebonite material or even a granadilla material, it is desired that the mouthpiece body has an elastic modulus (Young's modulus (E)) falling between 10 and 100 (GPa) and an internal friction (in terms of its natural logarithm, $\log Q^{-1}$) of at most 1×10^{-3} ~~10⁻³~~ for its sound characteristics. This is because, in the mouthpiece body having a larger elastic modulus, the support to which the reed is fitted could be more tough, and such a tough support could be worked more accurately and is hardly deformed. In addition, the mouthpiece body having a larger degree of internal friction could attenuate its vibration more rapidly, and will therefore more hardly transmit its vibration to the reed.